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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LOS: NICARAGUAN POSITION ON LOS

REF: GUATEMALA 1390

1. UPON LEARNING OF IMPRESSION BY GUATEMALAN FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT NICARAGUA WAS FIRM IN ADVOCATING 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA POSITION, EMBOFF DISCUSSED MATTER WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HARRY BODAN SHIELDS ON MARCH 17. BODAN DENIED ALLEGATION, STATING THAT NICARAGUA ENTERS LOS CONFERENCE WITH IDEA THAT 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND 188 MILES OF "SOMETHING ELSE" WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SOLUTION. "SOMETHING ELSE," AS BODAN DESCRIBED IT, SEEMS NOT UNLIKE "PATRIMONIAL SEA". PROBLEM FOR NICARAGUA WAS HOW TO ENFORCE RULES ON 188 MILES
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WITHOUT ASSERTING SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEM. IF THIS COULD BE

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RESOLVED, NICARAGUA WILLSUPPORT MOST LIMITED TERRITORIAL SEA. IF IT COULD NOT, BODAN HINTED THAT NICARAGUA MIGHT OPT FOR 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA ALTERNATIVE. BODAN EMPHASIZED THAT NICARAGUA'S MIND WAS FAR FROM MADE UP ON THE SUBJECT.

2. COMMENT: NICARAGUA'S 1974 CONSTITUTION WAS PURPOSELY IMPRECISE AS TO THE EXTENT OF ITS MARITIME CLAIMS, STATING THAT THEY WERE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW." WHILE THE GON CAN THEREFORE BE SOMEWHAT ADVENTURESOME AT THE LOS CONFERENCE, ITS PRESENT POSITION IS NOT ONE OF SERIOUSLY ADVOCATING A 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE GUATEMALAN IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, AND AT THE EARLIEST MOMENT WE PLAN TO SOULD OUT FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL, WHO IS CLOSER TO LOS DEBATE THAN VICE MINISTER.
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